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From Lawmakers, Words Of Advice to Reagan

As problems pile up for Ronald Reagan, members of Congress are swamping him with advice on everything from reducing interest rates to dealing with the Soviet Union.

Show more flexibility, explain the administration's policies in greater detail, make arms control a top priority, call a domestic summit conference on the economy. Those are a few of the suggestions flowing to the President from Republicans as well as Democrats on Capitol Hill.

Associate Editor Manuel Schiffres asked 20 lawmakers to outline what advice they would give Reagan if they could meet with him face to face. Excerpts from their comments—

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Representative Dan Daniel (D-Va.): Based on intelligence reports I've seen, we potentially have the most dangerous foreign threat since I've been in Congress. So I would tell him we cannot reduce the military budget in a fundamental way, though there are areas where we can tighten up.

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